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Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Most human rights treaty bodies are funded through the regular budget of the United Nations. However, article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex), provides that States parties shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination while they are in performance of Committee duties. As a consequence, from 1970 to 1993, States parties were assessed for contributions to cover the Committee's expenses.

2. In January 1992, at the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention, States parties decided to amend article 8 of the Convention to place the financing of the Committee on the same basis as other treaty bodies under the regular budget of the United Nations. Acting in his capacity as depositary, the Secretary-General communicated the amendment to all States parties on 1 March 1993 (see A/65/312, annex I). The amendment is due to enter into force when accepted by a two-thirds majority of States parties that had so notified the Secretary-General as depositary. As at 31 July 2014, notifications of acceptance had been received from 45 States parties to the Convention.

3. In its resolution 47/111, the General Assembly welcomed the decision taken to amend article 8 and requested the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to provide for the financing of the Committee from the regular budget of the United Nations, beginning with the budget for the biennium 1994-1995, and to take the necessary measures to ensure that the Committee met as scheduled until the amendment entered into force.

4. In section II of its resolution 67/156, the General Assembly strongly urged States parties to the Convention to accelerate their national ratification procedures

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with regard to the amendment to the Convention concerning the financing of the Committee and to notify the Secretary-General expeditiously in writing of their agreement to the amendment; requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate financial arrangements and to provide the necessary support, including an adequate level of Secretariat assistance, in order to ensure the functioning of the Committee and to enable it to cope with its increasing amount of work; and also requested him to invite those States parties that were in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-ninth session.

5. It should also be noted that in its resolution 68/268, entitled "Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system", the General Assembly recognized the importance of providing, under the existing procedures of the Assembly, adequate funding to the human rights treaty body system from the regular budget of the United Nations.

6. Financing for the annual sessions of the Committee in 2013 and 2014 was provided from the regular budget, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/111. Consequently, no State party assessments were made in those two years. However, a number of States parties are still in arrears as a result of the non-payment of previous assessments. As at 31 July 2014, the total arrears outstanding amounted to $105,791.13 (see annex).

Annex

Status of contributions to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as at 31 July 2014

(United States dollars)

State party	*Contributions payable as at 31 January 1993*	*1993 assessments*	*Total collections from 1993 to 2014 for 1993 and prior years*[a]	*Contributions payable as at 31 July 2014*
Afghanistan	1 348.00	877.00	2 225.00	
Algeria	–	1 177.00	1 177.00	–
Antigua and Barbuda	–	877.00	877.00	–
Argentina	690.00	1 941.00	2 631.00	–
Australia	–	3 811.00	3 811.00	–
Austria	–	2 341.00	2 341.00	–
Bahamas	–	896.00	896.00	–
Bahrain	–	920.00	920.00	–
Bangladesh	876.00	877.00	1 753.00	–
Barbados	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	–
Belarus	1 426.00	1 869.00	3 295.00	
Belgium	–	2 900.00	2 900.00	–
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	362.00	877.00	–	1 239.00
Botswana	–	877.00	877.00	–
Brazil	1 792.00	4 056.00	5 848.00	–
Bulgaria	431.00	1 104.00	1 535.00	–
Burkina Faso	6 629.83	877.00	7 506.83	
Burundi	8 899.00	877.00	4 322.00	5 454.00
Cambodia	2 244.00	877.00	3 121.00	
Cameroon	942.04	877.00	1 819.04	
Canada		7 004.00	7 004.00	–
Cape Verde	7 162.00	877.00	–	8 039.00
Central African Republic	7 783.89	877.00	–	8 660.89
Chad	211.40	877.00	–	1 088.40
Chile	1 006.00	1 015.00	2 021.00	–
China	–	2 367.00	2 367.00	–
Colombia	-0.09	1 109.00	1 109.00	
Congo	2 597.00	877.00	3 474.00	
Costa Rica	3 909.86	872.00	4 867.88	–
Côte d'Ivoire	1 937.00	896.00	2 833.00	–
Cuba	–	1 035.00	1 035.00	–
Cyprus	–	896.00	896.00	–
Czechoslovakia[b]	-502.00		-502.00	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	-45.00	877.00	–	832.00

State party	*Contributions payable as at 31 January 1993*	*1993 assessments*	*Total collections from 1993 to 2014 for 1993 and prior years*[a]	*Contributions payable as at 31 July 2014*
Denmark	–	2 122.00	2 122.00	–
Dominican Republic	3 523.00	892.00	–	4 415.00
Ecuador	913.00	916.00	1 829.00	–
Egypt	–	994.00	994.00	–
El Salvador	7 162.00	877.00	–	8 039.00
Estonia	–	1 205.00	1 205.00	
Ethiopia	-514.00	877.00	363.00	–
Fiji	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	–
Finland	–	2 007.00	2 007.00	–
France	–	12 590.00	12 590.00	–
Gabon	892.00	892.00	–	1 784.00
Gambia	7 831.00	877.00	–	8 708.00
Germany	–	18 294.00	18 294.00	–
Ghana	–	877.00	877.00	–
Greece	–	1 524.00	1 524.00	–
Guatemala	1 389.20	896.00	2 285.20	–
Guinea	903.80	877.00	–	1 780.80
Guyana	–	877.00	877.00	–
Haiti	1 750.00	877.00	2 627.00	
Holy See	–	877.00	877.00	–
Hungary	–	1 199.00	1 199.00	–
Iceland	–	916.00	916.00	–
India	–	1 562.00	1 562.00	–
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	–	2 411.00	2 411.00	–
Iraq	-248.92	1 117.00	868.08	–
Israel	1 949.00	1 320.00	3 269.00	–
Italy	0.00	9 456.00	9 456.00	
Jamaica	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	–
Jordan	–	877.00	877.00	–
Kuwait	501.00	1 332.00	1 833.00	–
Lao People's Democratic Republic	–	877.00	877.00	–
Latvia	–	1 322.00	1 322.00	–
Lebanon	4 822.00	877.00	5 699.00	–
Lesotho	1 348.00	877.00	2 225.00	–
Liberia	7 139.00	877.00	8 016.00	
Libya	2 053.00	1 313.00	3 366.00	–
Luxembourg	–	975.00	975.00	–
Madagascar	901.87	877.00	1 889.82	

State party	*Contributions payable as at 31 January 1993*	*1993 assessments*	*Total collections from 1993 to 2014 for 1993 and prior years[a]*	*Contributions payable as at 31 July 2014*
Maldives	–	877.00	877.00	–
Mali	9 850.00	877.00	–	10 727.00
Malta	–	877.00	877.00	–
Mauritania	2 285.00	877.00	–	3 162.00
Mauritius	–	877.00	877.00	–
Mexico	–	2 567.00	2 567.00	–
Mongolia	876.00	877.00	1 753.00	–
Morocco	–	912.00	912.00	–
Mozambique	5 097.00	877.00	5 974.00	–
Nepal	876.00	877.00	1 753.00	–
Netherlands	–	3 750.00	3 750.00	–
New Zealand	–	1 331.00	1 331.00	–
Nicaragua	2 244.00	877.00	4 000.00	
Niger	2 750.00	877.00	–	3 627.00
Nigeria	1 899.00	1 251.00	3 150.00	–
Norway	-15.00	1 941.00	1 926.00	–
Pakistan	0.01	975.00	975.01	–
Panama	1 122.00	896.00	2 018.00	–
Papua New Guinea	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	
Peru	2 469.00	975.00	3 444.00	–
Philippines	-211.11	986.00	774.89	–
Poland	610.00	1 744.00	2 354.00	–
Portugal	–	1 260.00	1 260.00	–
Qatar	393.00	955.00	1 348.00	–
Republic of Korea	–	2 425.00	2 425.00	–
Romania	1 819.00	1 184.00	3 003.00	–
Russian Federation	18 149.00	12 750.00	30 899.00	–
Rwanda	876.00	877.00	1 753.00	
Saint Lucia	–	877.00	877.00	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	6 637.00	877.00	–	7 514.00
Senegal	-816.19	877.00	69.00	
Seychelles	876.00	877.00	666.14	1 087.00
Sierra Leone	8 659.00	877.00	–	9 536.00
Slovenia	–	1 205.00	1 205.00	–
Solomon Islands	2 244.00	877.00	3 121.00	–
Somalia	7 028.00	877.00	–	7 905.00
Spain	–	4 777.00	4 777.00	–
Sri Lanka	–	877.00	877.00	–

State party	*Contributions payable as at 31 January 1993*	*1993 assessments*	*Total collections from 1993 to 2014 for 1993 and prior years*[a]	*Contributions payable as at 31 July 2014*
Sudan	3 510.00	877.00	–	4 387.00
Suriname	3 084.00	877.00	3 961.00	–
Swaziland	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	–
Sweden	–	3 003.00	3 003.00	–
Syrian Arab Republic	385.00	936.00	1 321.00	–
Togo	1 367.04	877.00	–	2 244.04
Tonga	798.00	877.00	–	1 675.00
Trinidad and Tobago	820.17	955.00	1 775.17	–
Tunisia	–	916.00	916.00	–
Uganda	362.00	877.00	1 239.00	–
Ukraine	3 026.00	4 820.00	7 846.00	–
United Arab Emirates	–	1 280.00	1 280.00	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	–	10 836.00	10 836.00	–
United Republic of Tanzania	1 898.00	877.00	2 775.00	
Uruguay	385.00	936.00	1 321.00	–
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	–	1 788.00	2 933.47	
Viet Nam	2 244.00	877.00	3 121.00	–
Yemen	924.00	877.00	–	1 801.00
Zambia[c]	-2 146.88	877.00	-1 269.88	
Zimbabwe	993.00	1 093.00	–	2 086.00
Total	**187 190.92**	**223 408.00**	**307 037.65**	**105 791.13**[d]
Former Yugoslavia	1 435.00	1 122.00	–	2 557.00

[a] In accordance with records of the Accounts Division as at 31 July 2014. Amounts reflect total collections, including overpayments.

[b] An amount of $502, which represents the surplus of the 1991 contribution made by the former Czechoslovakia, has been reimbursed to the Governments of the Czech Republic ($334.00) and Slovakia ($168.00).

[c] An amount of $1,471.28 has been reimbursed to the Government of Zambia.

[d] Excludes credits/overpayment amounts held in suspense accounts.